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DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the demands and production of Natural Gas during the last three years;

(b) the target achieved during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target in the near future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : The demand/allocation and production of natural gas during the last three years are given below:-

Year	[in Billion Cubic Metre (BCM)] Demand/allocation	Production
1999-2000	37.34	28.45
2000-2001	43.18	29.45
2001-2002	43.50	29.71

(c):To increase the domestic production of oil and gas, several important steps have been taken which include the following:-

(i) to improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of about Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) to increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). Under the first and second rounds of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 47 blocks.Offer of 27 exploration blocks under NELP-III has also been announced in March, 2002 with bid closing date as 28.8.2002.

(iii) five contracts were signed on 26.7.2002 for the blocks awarded under the first round of Coal Bed Methane(CBM) offer.

(iv) to explore in new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(v) to develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.

(vi) to acquire acreages abroad.

Apart from these steps, in order to augment the gas availability, Gas Authority of India Ltd.(GAIL) is looking at opportunities toimport gas from abroad through pipeline.